

REMARKS

Claims 2-22 and 24-44 are pending in the Application.

Claims 2-22 and 24-44 have been rejected.

Double Patenting

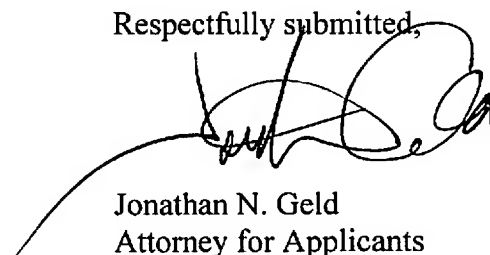
Claims 2-22 and 24-44 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-33 of the U.S. copending Application No. 10/809,927. Enclosed herewith is a Terminal Disclaimer which overcomes this obviousness-type double patenting rejection. As indicated in the Terminal Disclaimer, Applicants file the Terminal Disclaimer to progress this Application to issuance and do not concede that the present claims conflict with those in the co-pending Application.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that all claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. Nonetheless, should any issues remain that might be subject to resolution through a telephonic interview, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned.

If any extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) are required in order for this submission to be considered timely, Applicants hereby petition for such extensions. Applicants also hereby authorize that any fees due for such extensions or any other fee associated with this submission, as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17, be charged to deposit account 502306.

Respectfully submitted,

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